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Telephone conversation between General Wilbur and Colonel Ryan
7:30 P.M. EWT, 13 December 1944.

R: Program has been upset materially. Here is the revised
set-up as agreed to by Mr. McCloy:

1. As to all Japanese on WDC exclusion list who have been
granted leave clearance by WRA, WDC will include an insert
or stuffer with their exclusion orders, a tentative draft
of the stuffer is as follows:

"This exclusion order is on a priority list for prompt
review by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command.
You will be advised in writing of any change in this order.
In addition to this prompt review, you will be given an
opportunity to apply for an individual hearing before a
board of Army officers. "

2. It is understood that WDC will include WRA hearing data
in this review. WRA states this material is available in each
Relocation Center. Review of differences between WDC and WRA
cases to be completed in twenty days after effective date of
WDC proclamation #21, if possible.

3. It is understood that the above provisions apply both to
Japanese in Relocation Centers and Segregation Centers or
outside of them, provided they have been granted leave
clearance by WRA.

4. WDC will proceed as soon as possible by whatever procedure
it deems advisable to make a final decision as to whether
these Japanese will be continued subject to exclusion or
continue to be considered as detainees.

5. It is understood that the list which the WD furnishes
to Interior and Justice will be so framed as to avoid any specific
indication that any Japanese who are on leave will be segregated
on request of the WD except in special cases.

6. It is understood that after WDC completes its examination
Interior will not proceed to effect segregation of detainees
not in Tule Lake until collaboration is effected between
Interior and Justice and not before Justice has made its
final review.

Now several questions came up as a result of the above:

1. It is proposed, depending on the President's o.k., that
WDC issue its proclamation #21 on 15 December but effectiveness
will be changed to 21, 22, or 23 December, depending on how
soon WDC can be ready in view of the above.

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2. WRA will indicate leave clearance on lists of excludées and detainees as quickly as WDC gets the lists in here but at a rate not exceeding 1,000 per day.

3. When the C.G., WDC issues his press release on 15 December he will state "steps will be taken to notify excludées".

4. a. Now what Mr. McCloy wants to know is when can WDC proclamation #21 be effective in view of the above changes - realizing that inserts must be distributed to officers in centers - press releases changed, etc.

b. Also will it be necessary to keep WDC Proclamation #8 in effect longer than 5 January in view of the initial review job in Relocation Centers.

Now the memo to the President will be revised somewhat to generally conform to the above and Capt. Fisher has already sent a summary of it by radio to the President's Secretary.

I think that is all.

W: Alright - I will have to review this and I will call Mr. McCloy in the morning.

R: I recommend that you make the effective date 5 or 7 days after 15 December and that you extend the provisions of Proclamation #8 to 30 days. That would give you 35 days, 10 or 12 of which would be consumed in getting lists back and forth in order to secure those names on which WRA had granted leave clearance.

R: Mr. McCloy wants me to be sure to tell you that he wants you not to restrict yourself too much in setting effective dates for Proclamations #21 and #8. He says the main consideration on that is the time you will require to do the job. That is all sir.

Gen.W: Alright.

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